# FREENESS WITH AMALGAMATION, LIMIT THEOREMS AND S-TRANSFORM IN NON-COMMUTATIVE PROBABILITY SPACES OF TYPE B

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ABSTRACT. The present material addresses several problems left open in the Trans. AMS paper "Non-crossing cumulants of type B" of P. Biane, F. Goodman and A. Nica. The main result is that a type B non-commutative probability space can be studied in the framework of freeness with amalgamation. This view allows easy ways of constructing a version of the S-transform as well as proving analogue results to Central Limit Theorem and Poisson Limit Theorem

#### 1. Introduction

The present material addresses several problems left open in the paper "Non-crossing cumulants of type B" of P. Biane, F. Goodman and A. Nica (reference [4]).

The type A, B, C and D root systems determine correspondent lattices of non-crossing partitions (see [8], [2]). The type  $A_{n+1}$  corresponds to the lattice of non-crossing partitions on the ordered set  $[n] = 1 < \cdots < n$ ; the types  $B_n$  and  $C_n$  determine the same lattice of non-crossing partitions on  $[\overline{n}] = 1 < \cdots < n < -1 < \cdots < -n$ , namely the partitions with the property that if V is a block, then -V (the set containing the opposites of the elements from V) is also a block; the type D corresponds to a lattice of the symmetric non-crossing partitions with the property that if there exists a symmetric block, then it has more than 2 elements and contains -n and n. (see again [8], [2], [3]).

The lattices of type A and type B non-crossing partitions are self-dual with respect to the Kreweras complementary. In the type A case, the lattice structure was known to be connected the combinatorics of Free Probability Theory (see [7]). For the type B case, the properties of the lattice allow also a construction, described in [4], of some associated non-commutative probability spaces, with a similar apparatus as in the type A case (such as R-transform and boxed convolution). The paper [4] leaves open some questions on these objects: possible connections to other types of independence, limit theorems, S-transform. The main observation of the present material is that a type B non-commutative probability space can be studied in the framework of freeness with amalgamation, that gives fast answers to the rest of the problems.

The material is organized as follows: second section reviews some results from [4]; third section presents the connection with freeness with amalgamation; forth section is briefing the construction of the S-transform for the type B non-commutative probability spaces, utilizing the commutativity of the matrix algebra C; fifth and,

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respectively, sixth section are presenting limit results: analogues of central limit theorem, respectively Poisson limit theorem.

### 2. Preliminary results

**Definition 2.1.** A non-commutative probability space of type B is a system  $(\mathcal{A}, \varphi, \mathcal{X}, f, \Phi)$ , where:

- (i)  $(\mathcal{A}, \varphi)$  is a non-commutative probability space (of type A), i.e.  $\mathcal{A}$  is a complex unital algebra and  $\varphi : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a linear functional such that  $\varphi(1) = 1$ .
- (ii)  $\mathcal{X}$  is a complex vector space and  $f: \mathcal{X} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a linear functional.
- (iii)  $\Phi: \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is a two-sided action of  $\mathcal{A}$  on  $\nu$  (when there is no confusion, it will be written " $a\xi b$  instead of  $\Phi(a\xi b)$ , for  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\xi \in \nu$ )

On the vector space  $\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{X}$  it was defined a structure of unital algebra considering the multiplication:

$$(a,\xi)\cdot(b,\eta)=(ab,a\eta+\xi b),\ a,b\in\mathcal{A},\ \xi,\eta\in\mathcal{X}$$

The above algebra structure can be obtained when  $(a, \xi) \in \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{X}$  is identifies with a  $2 \times 2$  matrix,

$$(a,\xi) \leftrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc} a & \xi \\ 0 & a \end{array} \right].$$

We will consider also the commutative unital algebra  $\mathcal{C}$  by similarly endowing the vector space  $\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}$  with the multiplication:

$$(x,t)\cdot(y,s) = (xy, xs + ty),$$

i.e. using the identification

$$C \ni (x,t) \leftrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc} x & t \\ 0 & x \end{array} \right] \in M_2(\mathbb{C}).$$

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $(A, \varphi, \mathcal{X}, f, \Phi)$  be a non-commutative probability space of type B. The non-crossing cumulant functionals of type B are the families of multilinear functionals  $(\kappa_n : (A \times \mathcal{X})^n \longrightarrow \mathcal{C})_{n=1}^{\infty}$  defined by the following equations: for every  $n \geq 1$  and every  $a_1, \ldots, a_n \in \mathcal{A}, \xi_1, \ldots, \xi_n \in \mathcal{X}$ , we have that:

(1) 
$$\sum_{\gamma \in NC^{(A)}(n)} \prod_{B \in \gamma} \kappa_{card(B)} \left( (a_1, \xi_1) \cdots (a_n, \xi_n) | B \right) = E \left( (a_1, \xi_1) \cdots (a_n, \xi_n) \right)$$

where the product on the left-hand side is considered with respect to the multiplication on  $\mathcal{C}$  and the product  $(a_1, \xi_1) \cdots (a_n, \xi_n)$  on the right-hand side is considered with respect to the multiplication on  $\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{X}$  defined above.

Note that the first component of  $\kappa_m((a_1, \xi_1) \cdots (a_n, \xi_m))$  equals the non-crossing cumulant  $k_m(a_1, \ldots, a_m)$ .

We will also use the notation  $\kappa_n(a,\xi)$  for  $\kappa_n((a,\xi)\cdots(a,\xi))$  and  $M_n$  for  $E((a,\xi)^n)$ .

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $\mathcal{A}_1, \ldots, \mathcal{A}_k$  be unital subalgebras of  $\mathcal{A}$  and let  $\mathcal{X}_1, \ldots, \mathcal{X}_k$  be linear subspaces of  $\mathcal{X}$  such that each  $\mathcal{X}_j$  is invariant under the action of  $\mathcal{A}_j$ . We say that  $(\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{X}_1), \ldots, (\mathcal{A}_k, \mathcal{X}_k)$  are free independent if

$$\kappa_n\left((a_1,\xi_1),\ldots,(a_n,\xi_n)\right)=0$$

whenever  $a_l \in \mathcal{A}_{i_l}, \xi_l \in \mathcal{X}_{i_l}$  (l = 1, ..., n) are such that there exist  $1 \le s < t \le n$  with  $i_s \ne i_t$ .

For  $(a, \xi) \in \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{X}$  we consider the moment and cumulat or R-transform, series:

$$M(a,\xi) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (E((a,\xi)^n)) z^n$$
  
$$R(a,\xi) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \kappa_n(a,\xi) z^n$$

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $\Theta^{(B)}$  be the set of power series of the form:

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\alpha'_n, \alpha''_n) z^n,$$

where  $\alpha_n', \alpha_n''$  are complex numbers. For  $p \in NC^{(A)}(n)$  and  $f \in \Theta^{(B)}$ , consider

$$Cf_p(f) = \prod_{B \in p} (\alpha'_{|B|}, \alpha''_{|B|})$$

(the right-hand side product is in  $\mathcal{C}$ .) On  $\Theta^{(B)}$  we define the binary operation  $\blacksquare$  by:

$$f \mathbf{E} g = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\gamma'_n, \gamma''_n) z^n \text{ where}$$

$$(\gamma'_n, \gamma''_n) = \sum_{p \in NC^{(A)}(n)} Cf_p(f) Cf_{Kr(p)}(g)$$

**Theorem 2.5.** The moment series M and R-transform R of  $(a, \xi)$  are related by the formula

$$M = R \mathbb{E} C'$$

where  $\zeta' \in \Theta^{(B)}$  is the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1,0)z^n$ .

**Remark 2.6.** We denote by  $k'_{n,p}$  or, for simplicity, by  $k'_n$ , the multilinear functional from  $\mathcal{A}^{p-1} \times \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{A}^{n-p}$  to  $\mathbb{C}$  which is defined by the same formula as for the (type A) free cumulants  $k^n : \mathcal{A}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , but where the pth argument is a vector from  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\varphi$  is replaced by f in all the appropriate places. The connexion between the type B cumulants  $\kappa_n$  and the functionals  $k_n, k'_n$  is given by:

$$\kappa_n((a_1,\xi_1),\ldots,(a_n,\xi_n)) = \left(k_n(a_1,\ldots,a_n),\sum_{p=1}^n k'_n(a_1,\ldots,a_{p-1},\xi_p,a_{p+1},\ldots,a_n)\right)$$

**Theorem 2.7.** If  $(A_1, \mathcal{X}_1)$ ,  $(A_2, \mathcal{X}_2)$  are free independent,  $(a_1, \xi_1) \in (A_1, \mathcal{X}_1)$ ,  $(a_2, \xi_2) \in (A_2, \mathcal{X}_2)$ , and  $R_1$ , respectively  $R_2$  denote the R-transforms of  $(a_1, \xi_1)$  and  $(a_2, \xi_2)$ , then:

- (i) the *R*-transform of  $(a_1, \xi_1) + (a_2, \xi_2)$  is  $R_1 + R_2$ .
- (2) the R-transform of  $(a_1, \xi_1) \cdot (a_2, \xi_2)$  is  $R_1 \boxtimes R_2$ .

# 3. CONNEXION TO "FREENESS WITH AMALGAMATION"

As shown in [4], Section 6.3, Remark 3, the definitions of the type B cumulants are close to those from the framework of the "operator-valued cumulats", yet some detailes are different - mainly the map E is not a conditional expectation and  $\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{X}$  is not a bimodule over C. Following a suggestion of Dimitri Shlyakhtenko,

the construction of the type B probability spaces can still be modified in order to overcome these points.

Let  $\mathfrak{C} = \mathcal{X} \oplus \mathcal{A}$ . On  $\mathcal{A} \times \mathfrak{C}$  we have a C-bimodule structure given by:

$$(x,t)(a,\xi+b) = (a,\xi+b)(x,t) = (ax,at+(\xi+b)x)$$

for any  $x, t \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\xi \in \mathcal{X}$ . Since  $\mathcal{A}$  is unital, C is a subspace of  $\mathfrak{C}$ . The map E extends to  $\mathfrak{C}$  via:

$$\widetilde{E}(a, \xi + b) = (\varphi(a), f(\xi) + \varphi(b))$$

The extension becomes a conditional expectation, since:

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{E}\left((x,t)(a,\xi+b)\right) &= \widetilde{E}(ax,at+(\xi+b)x) \\ &= (\varphi(ax),\varphi(ta)+f(\xi x)+\varphi(bx)) \\ &= (x\varphi(a),t\varphi(a)+xf(\xi)+x\varphi(b)) \\ &= (x,t)\left(\varphi(a),f(\xi)+\varphi(b)\right) \\ &= (x,t)\widetilde{E}(a,\xi+b) \end{split}$$

The equation 1 can naturally be extended in the framework of  $\mathfrak{C}$  and  $\widetilde{E}$ , framework that reduces the construction to freeness with amalgamation, namely defining the cumulants  $\widetilde{\kappa}$  by the equation:

(3) 
$$\sum_{\gamma \in NC^{(A)}(n)} \prod_{B \in \gamma} \widetilde{\kappa}_{card(B)} \left( (a_1, \xi_1) \cdots (a_n, \xi_n) | B \right) = \widetilde{E} \left( (a_1, \xi_1) \cdots (a_n, \xi_n) \right)$$

If  $m: \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A} \ni (a,b) \mapsto m(a,b) = ab \in \mathcal{A}$  is the multiplication in  $\mathcal{A}$ , note that  $(\mathcal{A}, \varphi, \mathcal{X} \oplus \mathcal{A}, f \oplus \varphi, \Phi \oplus m)$  is also a type B noncommutative probability space, therefore Remark 2.6 (i.e. Theorem 6.4 from [4]) gives the components of  $\widetilde{\kappa}$ :

$$\widetilde{\kappa}_n((a_1,\xi_1+b_1),\ldots,(a_n,\xi_n+b_n)) = \left(k_n(a_1,\ldots,a_n),\sum_{p=1}^n k'_n(a_1,\ldots,a_{p-1},\xi_p+b_p,a_{p+1},\ldots,a_n)\right)$$

# 4. The S-transform

Utilizing the commutativity of the algebra C, the construction of the S-transform is essentially a verbatim reproduction of the type A situation.

We will denote

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$$\mathcal{G} = \{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n z^n, \alpha_n \in C \}$$

the set of formal series without constant term with coefficients in C, and

$$\mathcal{G}^{\langle -1 \rangle} = \{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n z^n, \alpha_n \in C, \alpha_1 = \text{invertible} \}$$

the set of all invertible series (with respect to substitutional composition) with coefficients in C ( see [1]).

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $(a,\xi) \in \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{X}$  such that  $\varphi(a) \neq 0$ , that is  $(\varphi(a), f(\xi))$  is invertible in C. If  $R_{(a,\xi)}(z)$  is the R-transform series of  $(a,\xi)$ , then the S-transform of  $(a,\xi)$  is the series defined by

$$S_{(a,\xi)}(z) = \frac{1}{z} R_{(a,\xi)}^{\langle -1 \rangle}(z)$$

**Theorem 4.2.** If  $A_1, \mathcal{X}_1$ ,  $(A_2, \mathcal{X}_2) \subset (A, \mathcal{X})$  are free independent and  $(x_j, \xi_j) \in (A_j, \mathcal{X}_j)$ , j = 1, 2 are such that  $\varphi(x_j) \neq 0$ , then:

$$S_{(a_1,\xi_1)(x_2,\xi_2)}(z) = S_{(a_1,\xi_1)}(z)S_{(a_2,\xi_2)}(z)$$

*Proof.* The proof presented in [7], for the type A case, works also for the freeness with amalgamation over a commutative algebra. Yet, for the convenience of the reader, we will outline the main steps.

Since, for  $(a_1, \xi_1), (a_2, \xi_2)$  free,  $R_{(a_1, \xi_1) \cdot (a_2, \xi_2)} = R_{(a_1, \xi_1)} \square R_{(a_2, \xi_2)}$ , it suffices to prove that the mapping

$$\mathcal{F}: \mathcal{G}^{\langle -1 \rangle} \ni f \mapsto \frac{1}{z} f^{\langle -1 \rangle} \in \mathcal{G}$$

has the property

(4) 
$$\mathcal{F}(f \boxtimes g) = \mathcal{F}(f)\mathcal{F}(g).$$

Indeed, (4) is equivalent to

(5) 
$$z(f \boxtimes g) = f^{\langle -1 \rangle}(f \boxtimes g) \cdot g^{\langle -1 \rangle}(g \boxtimes f)$$

For  $\sigma \in NC(n)$  and  $h = \sum_{n \geq 1} h_n z^n$ , we define

$$Cf_{\sigma}(h) = \prod_{B \in \sigma} h_{card(B)} \in C.$$

Also, for  $f, g \in \mathcal{G}$ , we denote

$$(f\check{\mathbf{E}}g)(z) = \sum_{n \ge 1} \lambda_n z^n$$

where  $(K(\sigma))$  is the Kreweras complementary of  $\sigma$ )

$$\lambda_n = \sum_{\substack{\sigma \in NC(n) \\ (1) \text{ block in } \sigma}} Cf_{\sigma}(f) \cdot Cf_{K(\sigma)}(g)$$

For  $f = \sum_{n>1} \alpha_n z^n \in \mathcal{G}^{\langle -1 \rangle}$  we have that:

since, with the above notations, the coefficient of  $z^m$  in the right hand side is

$$\sum_{n\geq 1} \sum_{\substack{i_1,\ldots,i_n\geq 1\\i_1+\cdots+i_n=m}} \alpha_n \alpha_1^{-n} \lambda_{i_1} \cdots \lambda_{i_n}$$

while the coefficient of  $z^m$  in the left-hand side is

$$\sum_{n\geq 1} \sum_{1=b_1 < \dots b_n \leq m} \sum_{\substack{\pi \in NC(m) \\ (b_1, \dots, b_n) \in \pi}} Cf_{\pi}(f) \cdot Cf_{K(\pi)}(g)$$

and the equality follows setting  $\pi_k = \pi | \{b_k, \dots, b_{k+1} - 1\}$  (notationally  $b_{n+1} = m$ ) and remarking that  $K(\pi)$  is the juxtaposition of  $K(\pi_1), \dots, K(\pi_n)$ .

It follows that , if  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n\geq 1}$ ,  $\{\beta_n\}_{n\geq 1}$  are respectively the coefficients of f and g,(5) is equivalent to

$$(f \mathbf{H} g)(z) \cdot (f \mathbf{H} g)(z) = \alpha_1 \beta_1 z \cdot (f \mathbf{H} g)(z)$$

The coefficient of  $z^{m+1}$  on the left-hand side is

$$\sum_{n=1}^{m} \sum_{\substack{\pi \in NC(n) \\ (1) \in \pi}} \sum_{\substack{\rho \in NC(m+n-1) \\ (1) \in \rho}} Cf_{\pi}(f) \cdot Cf_{K(\pi)}(g) \cdot Cf_{\rho}(g) \cdot Cf_{K(\rho)}(f)$$

while the coefficient of  $z^{m+1}$  on the right-hand side is

$$\sum_{\sigma \in NC(m)} \alpha_1 \beta_1 \cdot Cf_{\sigma}(f) \cdot Cf_{K(\sigma)}(g).$$

As shown in [7], the conclusion follows from the bijection between the index sets of the above sums. More precisely, if  $1 \le n \le m$ , to the pair consisting on  $\pi \in NC(n)$  and  $\rho \in NC(m+1-n)$  both contain the block (1), we associate the partition from NC(n+m-1) obtained by juxtaposing  $\pi \setminus (1)$  and  $K(\rho)$ .

## 5. CENTRAL LIMIT THEOREM

**Theorem 5.1.** Let  $\{(\mathcal{A}_k, \mathcal{X}_k)\}_{k\geq 1} \subset (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{X})$  be type B free independent and  $(x_k, \xi_k) \in (\mathcal{A}_k, \mathcal{X}_k)$  identically distributed such that  $\varphi(x_k) = f(\xi_k) = 0$  and  $\varphi(x_k^2) = f(\xi_k^2) = 1$ . The limit distribution moments of

$$\frac{(a_1,\xi_1)+\cdots+(a_N,\xi_N)}{\sqrt{N}}$$

are  $\{m_n, \mathfrak{m}_n\}_n$ , where  $\{m_n\}_n$  are the moments of the semicircular distribution and

$$\mathfrak{m}_n = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \binom{2k}{k+1} & \text{if } n = 2k \text{ is even.} \end{array} \right.$$

*Proof.* Note  $S_N = \frac{(a_1,\xi_1)+\cdots+(a_N,\xi_N)}{\sqrt{N}}$  and  $R_N = R(S_N)$ . Theorem 2.7 implies

$$\lim_{N\to\infty} R_N = (1,1)z^2$$

The first component of the limit distribution is the Voiculescu's semicircular distribution. To compute the second component of the moments, we will use the equation (1), which becomes:

$$E((a_1, \xi_1)^n) = \sum_{\gamma \in NC_2^{(A)}(n)} \kappa_2((a_1, \xi_1))^{\frac{n}{2}}$$

It follows that all the odd moments are zero, and, since in C,  $(a,b)^n = (a^n, na^{n-1}b)$ , the even moments are given by:

$$\mathfrak{m}_{2n} = nC_n$$
, where  $C_n$  stands for the  $n$ -th Catalan number 
$$= n\frac{1}{n+1}\binom{2n}{n}$$
$$= \binom{2n}{n+1}.$$

**Remark 5.2.** The second components of the above limit moments are not the moments of positive Borel measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Yet, they are connected to the moments of another remarkable distribution appearing in non-commutative probability - the central limit distribution for monotonic independence.

For variables that are monotonically independent (see [5], [6]), the limit moments in the Central Limit Theorem are given by the "arsine law", i.e. the n-th moment  $\mu_n$  is given by

$$\mu_n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \binom{2k}{k} = (k+1)C_k & \text{if } n = 2k \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Hence  $\mu_n = m_n + \mathfrak{m}_n$ , which implies the following:

Corollary 5.3. On  $\mathcal{A} \oplus \mathcal{X}$  consider the algebra structure given by:

$$(a+\xi)(b+\eta) = ab + \xi b + a\eta$$

and  $\Psi: \mathcal{A} \oplus \mathcal{X} \ni a + \xi \mapsto \varphi(a) + f(\xi) \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Let  $(a_j, \xi_j)_j = 1^{\infty}$  be a family from  $\mathcal{A} \oplus \mathcal{X}$  such that  $\varphi(a_j) = f(\xi_j) = 0$  and  $(a_j, \xi_j)$  are type B free in  $(\mathcal{A}, \varphi, \mathcal{X}, f, \Phi)$ .

Then the limit in distribution of

$$\frac{a_1 + \xi_1 + \dots a_N + \xi_N}{\sqrt{N}}$$

is the "arcsine law".

## 6. Poisson limit theorem

We will consider an analogue of the classical Bernoulli distribution in a type B probability space.

Let  $A = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \subset \mathcal{C}$ . We call an element  $(a, \xi) \in \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{X}$  type B Bernoulli with rate  $\Lambda$  and jump size A if

$$E((a,\xi)^n) = \Lambda A^n$$

for some  $\Lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \in \mathcal{C}$ 

**Theorem 6.1.** Let  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $A \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Then the limit distribution for  $N \to \infty$  of the sum of N free independent type B Bernoulli variables with rate  $\frac{\Lambda}{N}$  and jump size A has cumulants which are given by  $\kappa_n = \Lambda A^n$ .

*Proof.* We will introduce first several new notations in order to simplify the writing.  $\beta_N$  will stand for a type B Bernoulli variable with rate  $\frac{\Lambda}{N}$  and  $s_N$  for a sum of N such free independent variables.  $\mu$  will denote the Moebius function of the lattice NC(n) and, for  $\pi \in NC(n)$  and  $\beta \in \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{X}$ , we will use the notation

$$M_{\pi}(\beta) = \prod_{B = \text{block of}\pi} M_{card(B)}(\beta)$$

where  $M_n(\beta) = E(\beta^n)$  is the *n*-th moment of  $\beta$ .

With the above notations, equation (1) gives

$$\kappa_n(\beta_N) = \sum_{\pi \in NC(n)} M_{\pi}(\beta_N)\mu(\pi, 1_n)$$

$$= \frac{\Lambda}{N} A^n + \sum_{\substack{\pi \in NC(n) \\ 1_n \neq \pi}} M_{\pi}(\beta_N)\mu(\pi, 1_n)$$

$$= \frac{\Lambda}{N} A^n + O\left(\frac{1}{N^2}\right)$$

Therefore

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$$\lim_{N \to \infty} \kappa_n(s_N) = \lim_{N \to \infty} N \kappa_n(\beta_N) = \Lambda A^n.$$

Like in the type A case, we have the following:

Consequence 6.2. The square of a type B random variable  $(a, \xi)$  with distribution given by the central limit theorem such that  $E((a, \xi)^2) = \sigma \in \mathcal{C}$  is a type B free Poisson element of rate  $\sigma$  and jump size (1,0).

**Remark 6.3.** The first component of the moments of a type B free Poisson variable coincides to the type A case, therefore are given by a probability measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ . In general, the second component of the moments of a type B free Poisson random variable are not the moments of a real measure.

The first part of the assertion is clear. For the second part, we will consider the particular case when  $\lambda_2 = 0$  and  $\lambda_1 = \lambda$  is close to 0 and  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha$ . It follows that

$$\kappa_n = \Lambda A^n = ((\lambda, 0)(\alpha^n, n\alpha^n)).$$

Since equation (1) implies

$$M_{2} = \kappa_{2} + \kappa_{1}^{2} = (\lambda + \lambda^{2})A$$

$$M_{3} = \kappa_{3} + 3\kappa_{1}\kappa_{2} + \kappa_{1}^{3}$$

$$= (\lambda + 3\lambda^{2} + \lambda^{3})A^{3}$$

$$M_{4} = \kappa_{4} + 4\kappa_{1}\kappa_{3} + 2\kappa_{2}^{2} + 6\kappa_{2}\kappa_{1}^{2} + \kappa_{1}^{4}$$

$$= (\lambda + 6\lambda^{2} + 6\lambda^{3} + \lambda^{4})A^{4}$$

we have that the second components are given by:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \mathfrak{m}_2 & = & 2(\lambda + \lambda^2)\alpha^2 \\ \mathfrak{m}_3 & = & 3(\lambda + 3\lambda^2 + \lambda^3)\alpha^3 \\ \mathfrak{m}_4 & = & 4(\lambda + 6\lambda^2 + 6\lambda^3 + \lambda^4)\alpha^4 \end{array}$$

A necessary condition for  $\{\mathfrak{m}_k\}_{k\geq 1}$  to be the moments of a measure on  $\mathbb{R}$  (see [9], [7]) is that

$$\mathfrak{m}_2\mathfrak{m}_4 \geq \mathfrak{m}_3^2$$

It amounts to

$$8(\lambda + \lambda^2)(\lambda + 6\lambda^2 + 6\lambda^3 + \lambda^4)\alpha^6 \ge 9(\lambda + 3\lambda^2 + \lambda^3)^2\alpha^6$$

that is

$$8(1+\lambda)(1+6\lambda+6\lambda^2+\lambda^3) \geq 9(1+3\lambda+\lambda)^2$$
$$8+O(\lambda) \geq 9+O(\lambda)$$

which, for  $\lambda$  small enough, does not hold true.

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